

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

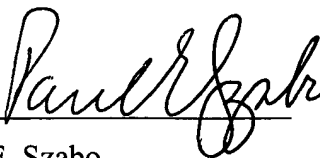
Claims 1-27 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In a telephone conversation with the Examiner on or about May 11, 2005, Applicant's undersigned attorney learned that the rejection, because it is provisional, can be held in abeyance for now. Therefore, Applicant does not respond to the provisional double patenting rejection.

Claim 1 is amended to correct a typographical error without changing the scope of the claim. Claims 28-30 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claim 31 is added and is respectfully submitted to be allowable.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims of this application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims of this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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